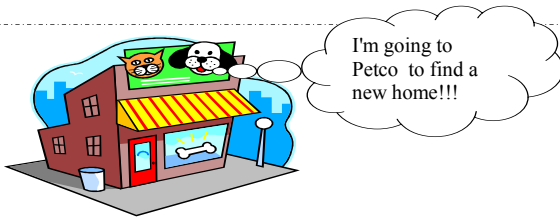


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Diane Verry Receives Chula Vista Volunteer of the Year Award!!

CVACF volunteer Diane Verry received recognition as the CVACF "Volunteer of the Year" at a luncheon celebration held this month by the City of Chula Vista. Diane is one of the longest-term volunteers our facility has had, who faithfully comes week after week to help clean cages and look after cats. Diane has attended scores of adoption events and always attends our yearly Christmas parade to help showcase our shelter animals. Diane is responsible for raising funds to purchase "Kitty City", our new cat condo. Sallye Graves, another of our most faithful, long-term volunteers also attended. THANK YOU for your years of dedication to CVACF!



Sallye Graves



Diane Verry



Everyone should come in to see Diane Verry's masterpiece "Kitty City" at the CVACF

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CHULA VISTA ANIMAL CARE FACILITY has
H.E.A.R.T. !!!



Brownie Troop 5072 Donates Cookie Sales Profits to CVACF

We have all enjoyed girl-scout cookies, sold annually by Girl Scouts and Brownies. But did you know that CVACF was the recipient this year of Brownie Troop 5072's cookie sales 'profits'? The girls voted to help our shelter animals, and came to our facility on April 13th to take a tour and they surprised us with a \$200 check! The funds will be used to purchase milk for the 58 newborn kittens we currently have in our kitty foster program. Thank you Troop 5072 for helping our animals!



TROLLEY- our longest resident finally gets adopted!!

Who said miracles don't happen? "Trolley" is a pit-bull mix dog who came into our facility as an emergency medical case after being.....you guessed it.....hit by the Chula Vista Trolley!! Animal Control Officers Claudia Jimenez and Matt Tsunoda picked up Trolley on **September 20, 2005!** After receiving emergency treatment for severe head trauma by our veterinary medical staff, Trolley remained in a near coma for almost a week. Nobody came to claim him, but by then he had won our hearts. He slowly improved, and after 2 weeks he could walk in a straight line without appearing 'drunk"! Trolley is a sweetheart, and has appeared on television, been to adoption events, and even was featured in the monthly City of Chula Vista "Spotlight" magazine. But he was not adopted, and appeals to local animal rescue groups did not result in adoption either.

On April 13, 2006, nearly **7 months** after arriving at CVACF, Carrie Chartier Wieck from Lemon Grove fell in love with him and took him home! Thank you Carrie, for giving Trolley this new lease on life, and thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who have helped try to get Trolley adopted. We keep every adoptable animal as long as we possibly can to get them adopted, and Trolley is truly a success story!



Trolley (in middle) with his new family!

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“Kitty Park” completed by Girl Scout Troop 5016

After weeks of diligent painting on Saturday mornings, [Girl Scout Troop 5016](#) has completed the first of 2 rooms in “Cattery Row”. “Kitty Park” is a whimsical garden with flowers, trees and benches. 10 adult cats are enjoying living in “Kitty Park” while they await adoption. It looks great, and brings a smile to our visitors. Thanks Troup 5016!



[2nd Adoption Counselor Position soon to be filled](#)

CVACF will soon add a 2nd *Adoption Counselor* to our staff! We are thankful that the need for an adoption staff has been recognized, and with 2 adoption counselors, we will be able to attend more events better serve the public. We will publish a story about our new adoption counselor as soon as the final selection has been made.



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What's New at the Facility

Quarterly Adoption Statistics

Adoptions continue to improve, and our animal euthanasia rate is dropping dramatically. Our foster program, directed by Animal Care Assistant Eileen Akers, is responsible for saving the lives of scores of newborn kittens that would otherwise have to be euthanized. With kitten and puppy season in full swing, Eileen has placed every healthy newborn that has arrived at our facility this month into foster care. With the help of volunteers like [Laura Backe](#), [Penny Adams](#) and [Jenny Ludovissy](#), medical cases (including dogs with severe fractures and serious heart murmurs) which otherwise would have to be euthanized, have been adopted by Rescue groups who have the funding to take on these long-term medical cases. Our new "Cattery Row", interactive cat rooms help adult cats get adopted, and we are able to make room for more cats.

The chart below shows a comparison of the first 3 months of 2006 to the same period in 2005. Check it out! Remember, our numbers of animals euthanized are animals that are medically or behaviorally unhealthy, these are NOT healthy, adoptable animals.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

	<u>January-March 2006</u>	<u>January-March 2005</u>
Impounds (dogs, cats, others)	1,237	1,346
Dogs Adopted	320	316
Cats Adopted	186	113
Others Adopted	38	35
Dogs Euthanized	179	218
Cats Euthanized	187	316

Notes:

Impounds down 8%

Total adoptions up 15% , with cat adoptions up 39%

Dog and cat euthanasia down by 31% !!!

We love those stats...

